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Japanese No. 2001-222204 discloses that an exchangeable unit can be divided into parts, and that it is detected whether a photosensitive body roller is new or old, and a counter is reset based on the result of detection. However, in the document, only the following operation is performed: it is detected whether a unit including a photosensitive body drum is new or old, and the counter is reset. That is, it is not detected whether each of the other part units is new or old, nor is the life managed.

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